

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina ranks among the top five states for fire deaths, and educating residents about effective fire prevention techniques and safety measures is necessary to reduce the number of fire-related injuries and deaths; and

WHEREAS, exercising caution with the use and placement of appliances and heaters, remaining alert while cooking and burning candles, and checking for frayed electrical cords and overloaded circuits are simple precautions for preventing fires; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms save lives, reducing the risk of death by half, with fire extinguishers and planned escape routes further lessening the rate of injury and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, this year's fire safety theme, "Test Your Smoke Alarm," serves as a reminder that, in order to be effective in the event of fire, smoke alarms must be properly installed, maintained and tested, with the batteries changed regularly.

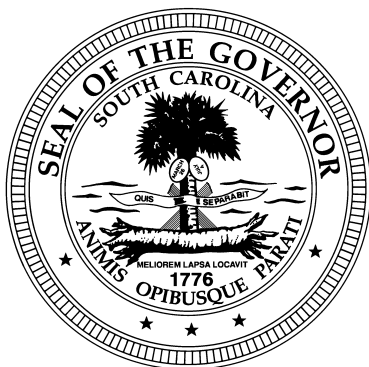
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2004 as

FIRE SAFETY MONTH

and October 3 - 9, 2004, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to practice fire prevention and safety measures at home, school, and work.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", is written over a horizontal line.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA